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Title: Apparatus And Method For Canceling DC Error And Noise Generated By Ground Shield Current In A Probe

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Page 1, line 1, insert the following new paragraph:

- (X) This is a Continuation of copending application Serial No. 10/117,653, filed on 4/5/02, the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.
- ( ) This is a Divisional of copending application Serial No. , filed on , the entire disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

In the Claims:

(X) Cancel the following claims 1 of the prior application. (At least one original claim must be retained for filing purposes).

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